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Response to Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief dated January 23, 2006.

Pursuant to a telephone call to Program Administrator Craig Fienstein of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences today, January 30, 2006, an Appeal Brief that indicates in a Table of Contents that there is no Evidence Appendix and no related Proceedings Appendix is compliant with the Rules. Hence, it is respectfully requested that the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief dated January 23, 2006 be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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